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Reflection - Matthew 25: 1-13

Jesus explains to us how going to the Kingdom of Heaven will be like in this parable of the ten virgins. So let us give some flesh to the bone.

The ten virgins are all of us who are alive and live in this world. The wise virgins are those of us who have heard, understood and practised the teachings of Christ while the foolish virgins are those who heard but did not understand the



teachings of Christ or understood but did not practice them.

The lamps are our hearts, while the oil for our lamps is the good values and good deeds that Jesus Christ, the bridegroom, teaches us to do. The merchants are our pastors, priests or our fellow faithful who we go to for confessions, prayers and good counsel. The midnight is the unknown day or the hour when Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom, will come again to take the righteous ones to Heaven for the everlasting wedding feast while closing the door of Heaven on the wicked ones who will be thrown away to the fiery Gehennah.

Jesus uses this parable to enlighten us of how going to the Kingdom of Heaven will be very unpredictable. He instructs us that since no one knows the day or the hour when He will come to judge the living and the dead, we should be prepared all the time by always doing God's work and Loving Him with all our hearts, souls, minds and loving our neighbours as ourselves.

Therefore, let us not be caught by surprise when Jesus comes back to gather His harvest back to Heaven, because He has already warned us about it. Let Jesus never say to us, "I do not know you."

Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, we want to join You in the everlasting wedding feast in Heaven. You have told us that no one knows the day or the hour when You will come for us on the last day. Therefore, be with us always so that we can resist all evils that can deplete the oil reserve in our hearts. Help us to always do the will of God by loving the Lord our God with all our hearts, soul and mind and loving our neighbours as ourselves. **Amen.**

~taken from Catholic Daily reading~



**This week
the Sanctuary Lamp is
dedicated:
For the deceased members of
The Estrella families
by
The Estrella family**



MASS Intentions

Mon. Nov. 9	12:05 pm	Intentions of Mervin & Claudio Rocha on their birthday, <i>requested by Jane Rocha & family</i>
Tue. Nov. 10	12:05 pm	For the intentions of Carmela Morra on her 75th birthday, <i>requested Carmela Morra</i>
Wed. Nov. 11	12:05 pm	† Ramon & Belen Bedana, <i>requested by Virgie & Leo Luzano</i>
Thu. Nov. 12	12:05 pm	† Lorenzo DeFilippis, <i>requested Margherita & Domenico DeFilippis</i>
Fri. Nov. 13	12:05 pm	† Romeo Malakas on his 1 st year death anniversary, <i>requested by The Malakas family</i>
Sat. Nov. 14	9:00 am	† Gertrudes & Marciano Quial, <i>requested Linda Quial</i>
	5:00 pm	† Lorenza Erlinda Torres in remembrance on her birthday <i>requested by Tess Fernandez & family</i>
Sun. Nov. 15	9:00 am	For the People of the Parish
	11:00 am	† Adelia Toralba Agra in remembrance on her birthday, <i>requested by Amy Costales</i>

PARISH RECORDS

As the year-end is quickly approaching, we encourage you to update your contact information if have any changes or additions to the following:



- Mailing address for mailing of tax receipts, etc.
- Email address for notification, updates, bulletins, etc.
- Telephone #

Please send us an email at immaculatechurch@rogers.com or contact the Parish Office.

BUNDLE UP SUNDAY

Weekend of November 14/15

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is pleased to accept clothing, coats, shoes, boots, bedding, towels, linens & draperies for use in the Society's programs and services to help those in need.

A truck will be in the parking lot after Mass to receive your donation. Please tie your donation bags for easier handling.

Note: the following will NOT be accepted: appliances, dishes, books, baby or other furniture, mattresses, used toys, construction materials, video and audio cassettes.



Thank you for your continued support!

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest" ~ Matthew 11:28 ~



Join us every Friday at 11:30 am for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Personal Adoration, Private Prayer, Blessing at 12:00 pm followed by Mass at 12:05 pm

SPECIAL MASS

Please join us for an upcoming special Mass on **Monday, November 30th at 6:30 pm** for the repose of the souls of those remembered by our parishioners of the Immaculate Heart of Mary and Our Lady of Good Health parishes.

The names of your faithful departed loved ones and those whom you wish to remember can be placed in the box at the table located at the front of the church near the statue of our Blessed Mother.

All Souls Day Remembrance envelopes are provided for your convenience.

Save the date & join us!

THE SHEPHERD'S TRUST



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, **there will not be a fundraising campaign for The Shepherds' Trust this year.**

Instead, we encourage parishioners who can give during these difficult times to **focus on supporting their**

parish. If you wish to support your parish and our retired priests, The Shepherd's Trust would welcome your gift via the special collection envelope in your Sunday offering box or at www.shepherdstrust.org/.

Preparation for the Sacraments

We understand these are unusual times for everyone with the restrictions imposed due to Covid-19. Social distancing has posed many challenges in everyday life, including Sunday Mass and how we administer the Sacraments.

Unfortunately with the numbers on the rise, we are looking to new ways in which to prepare children to receive the Sacrament next year. We hope to have in place an online preparation course that can be done at home as a family with the occasional Zoom meeting. These classes will take place in the spring of 2021. More information on registration will follow later in the New Year.

Children who were preparing for Confirmation in 2020 will join the New Class for their retreat and the Confirmation Ceremony. If you have already been registered for the 2020 classes, you will be contacted in late January with information as to how to join.

Thank you for your patience and stay safe!

What is P.A.G.?

The Archdiocese of Toronto has established a Pre-Authorized Giving Plan [P.A.G.] to assist you in your support of the work of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish through your regular parish offerings (*this does not include special collections*).



Advantages for the donor:

- Convenience. Your offering is received automatically on the 20th every month.
- Continual support of your parish when you are away.
- Eliminates writing cheques; or cash via your envelopes

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